

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus are described for facilitating efficient retrieval and display of information to a computer user from sites on a network. An agent is described that monitors computer usage to determine the purpose or intent of a particular session. The agent analyzes information gathered during the monitoring to determine the user's purpose, and subsequently generates queries to search a plurality of network sites that may have information useful to the user related to the purpose. The queries are sent to the sites and when the search results are returned to the computer, the agent filters the search result entries to determine their relevance to the purpose. A summary document comprising the search result entries relevant to the users purpose is prepared and displayed to the user.